

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please find accompanying this response a replacement sheet for Fig. 4 wherein amendments explained in the Remarks presented below are effected.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25, 27-30 and 37-41 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-18, 21-25, 27-30 and 37-41 are allowed. Claims 19 and 20 are rejected. Claims 31-36 are cancelled herein. Claim 26 is previously cancelled. Claim 19 is amended herein to address matters of form unrelated to substantive patentability issues.

Applicant herein traverses and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the claims cited in the above-referenced Office Action.

The drawings received on February 13, 2009 are deemed not to be acceptable by the Examiner, as allegedly introducing new matter. Since it is unclear whether the replacement drawing sheet of Fig. 4 was entered in the application, and to assure that applicant is fully responsive to this final Office Action, applicants submits herewith a replacement sheet containing Fig. 4, which is a faithful representation of the drawing, prior to its amendment in which the alleged new matter was added. Withdrawal of the drawing objection is therefore respectfully requested.

The amendment filed February 6, 2009 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) for allegedly introducing new matter into the disclosure. Applicant has amended the specification in the AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION section above, to cancel the material considered to be new matter by the Examiner, and place the specification into the same condition preceding the prior amendment adding the alleged new matter. Withdrawal of the objection is earnestly solicited.

Claims 19 and 20 are rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention as a result of informalities stated in the Office Action. Claim 19 is amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, to depend from claim 18, to correct the informality noted in the Office Action. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 19 and 20 and their allowance are earnestly requested.

Withdrawn claims 31-36 are cancelled herein, leaving only allowed claims 1-18, 21-25, 27-30 and 37-41, and claims 19 and 20 held to contain allowable subject matter, and which were rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections.

No fee is believed due. If there is any fee due the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form
for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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enc: Replacement drawing sheet of Fig. 4.